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NELSON STATEMENT ON DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

WASHINGTON, DC – Nebraska's Senator Ben Nelson today issued the following statement on his selection as a member of the new Executive Committee in the Senate Democratic Caucus.

"This committee is truly a reflection of the Senate Democrats. We have members from across the political spectrum represented and I trust that, in the best spirit of the party, we will be able to come together to find solutions to the problems facing Americans. While I am sure that we may have some disagreements, this committee is an excellent opportunity to ensure that all voices are heard because our diversity as a party allows us greater strength. The more ideas and innovations we have, the more doors we open.

"I intend to draw from my leadership experience, as governor of Nebraska and as a successful business person, as I use my role on this committee to advocate for fair tax policy, protecting the Social Security and Medicare Trust funds, fair business oversight, adequate compensation for workers, pension protection, a fair and affordable prescription drug plan, real economic stimulus, stronger national security, rural revitalization, and better opportunities for higher education and improved education for all.

"I'd like to thank Senator Daschle for creating this committee and I am honored that I was asked to serve in this leadership role. I look forward to playing a productive role and working with each of these fine members."